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Mr. Frazer Lockhart
Department of Energy
Rocky Flats Office
P.O. Box 928
Golden, CO 80402-0928

re: Standard Operating Procedures

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

We have reviewed the subject documents to determine their adequacy in incorporating outstanding comments by the regulatory agencies and the changes made based on field experience. We find that the changes made are acceptable; SOP volumes I-IV as submitted on March 18, 1992 (92-DOE-2940) are thus hereby approved for use in the RI field program. Approval is also hereby given for Volume VI (Air) as submitted November 26, 1991 (91-DOE-10386), which was never granted formal approval according to our records.

The SOP's contained in this submittal represent only those required to support a drilling program; Volume V, Ecology, and Volume VI, Air, presumably remain to be resubmitted pursuant to field changes made on those procedures through DCN's. In addition, several of the SOP's in the current version of Volumes I-IV are new and have not been previously reviewed or approved for use. While this approval covers those procedures, we reserve the right to comment further based on experience with their use and/or reviews by the Colorado Department of Health.

Please note that we repeatedly requested, but never received any specific responses to our conditions of approval for these SOP's. If the SOP's are to be effectively used and updated DOE must provide a complete explanation of future submittals indicating what is being changed and why, and key those submittals to indicate specifically where changes were made.

Again, we wish to emphasize that DOE/EG&G are in the best position to monitor the status of these documents, and must correct them through updates as expeditiously as possible. These must be coordinated with and submitted for approval by EPA. Compliance with a faulty SOP (even if approved) will not justify

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an inadequate Remedial Investigation. If you have questions or would like to discuss the progress of this effort, please contact Bill Fraser at 294-1081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Martin Hestmark", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Hestmark, EPA
Manager
Rocky Flats Project

cc: Eric Evered, EG&G
Gary Baughman, CDH